

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 556 – SB 596

March 31, 2017

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Requires a member of an emergency communications district board of directors (Board) to be excused from any meeting while the member is engaged in military or public safety professional service or training. Authorizes Board members to participate in a Board meeting by any electronic means approved by the Board. Deletes provision from statute that prohibits a member from Board reappointment for 48 months following the member's removal for absences.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

IMPACT TO COMMERCE OF ORIGINAL BILL:

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (006457): Deletes and rewrites the bill such that the amended bill: requires members removed for absences to be eligible for reappointment at any time by the appointing authority; authorizes, by petition of the Board or local governing body, a member of the Board that is knowingly or willfully neglecting to perform the duties of the office to be removed by order of chancery court in which the Emergency Communications District operates; prohibits a Board member that is removed for refusing to carry out an order of the Board or for knowingly or willfully neglecting to perform the duties of the office from being reappointed to the Board; authorizes Board members to participate in a Board meeting by any electronic means approved by the Board; and clarifies that Board meeting requirements set forth in Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 7-86-314(c)(1) through 7-86-314(c)(3) are required to apply to meetings held by electronic means approved by the Board.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Any cost associated with permitting Board members to participate in meetings by electronic means of communication approved by the Board is estimated to be not significant.

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- Any cost associated with removing a Board member is estimated to be not significant.
- Any cost associated with the reinstatement of a removed Board member is estimated to be not significant.
- Based on information provided by the Department of Commerce and Insurance, this legislation will have no impact on the Tennessee Emergency Communications Board. Any fiscal impact to the state is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Krista M. Lee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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